

# DESCENDANTS OF THE FOUNDERS OF ANCIENT WINDSOR

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### HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR SEPTEMBER 23 FALL PROGRAM AND ANNUAL MEETING

Fifty-seven DFAW members and friends traveled to Windsor for our Fall Program and Annual Meeting held Saturday, September 23 at the Oliver Ellsworth Homestead in Windsor.



The day's activities began with our traditional social gathering from 9:30 to 10:00 during which attendees shopped at the DFAW sales table staffed by Joan Clapp and perused her scrapbooks on Windsor's "Daughter Towns" and the DFAW Cousin Finder notebooks and displays prepared by Olivia Patch. Our Memorial Service was led by President Richard Roberts, whose reflection was based on the Rev. John Warham's 1639 "Thanksgiving Sermon" and Governor William W. Ellsworth's 1838 Thanksgiving Proclamation (see page 2). We also remembered members whose deaths became known to us over the past year (see page 3). Hymns were accompanied on the piano by our Genealogist, Ed Strickland.

Our speaker was State Archaeologist Brian Jones (left), whose topic was "Windsor's Earliest English Settlers: Recent Finds from the John Mason and Oliver Ellsworth Sites" (see page 4).

Our buffet luncheon (right), catered by Kane's Market of Simsbury, included our perennial favorite, the butternut squash bake. Following the luncheon, Richard Roberts led our business meeting. The minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting held Saturday, September 24, 2016 were approved as submitted, and we heard reports from the Board (see page 9 for the Genealogist's Report, page 10 for the Membership Report and page 11 for the Registrar's Report).



The newest members present were Lloyd and Sandra Berman of Westford, Massachusetts. The person in attendance living the farthest away was Lucille Wright of Northridge, Illinois. Those driving the farthest on the day of the meeting were Jeff Keifling of Sharonville, Ohio and Ellen Monroe of Highland Park, New Jersey. Others attending from out-of-state were: Naomi Lacasse of Sturbridge, Massachusetts; Barbara Mathews of Lexington Massachusetts; Arthur Warren of Richmond, Virginia; and David and Patricia Wright of New Castle, Pennsylvania. The oldest person present was Terry Arnold of Enfield, Connecticut, and the youngest person was Fiona Jones. The person possessing a coin dated closest to 1983 was Janet Sosnicki of Winsted, Connecticut.

Officers and Board members were elected for the ensuing year, October 2017-September 2018 (see page 12). Announcements included plans for the next New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC), "Family - a Link to the Past & a Bridge to the Future," to be held April 3-6, 2019 in Manchester, New Hampshire, of which DFAW will be one of the Participating Societies. Following the business meeting, some attendees toured "Elmwood," Oliver Ellsworth's home; others met with Genealogist Ed Strickland for genealogy database "look-ups" or with Membership Secretary Pam Roberts to review their membership status.

Many thanks are extended to Janet Ellsworth, Christie Hendrie, Alice Ridgeway, and Beth Witham of CT DAR for their assistance prior to and during our meeting at the Ellsworth Homestead. Thanks also go out to Joan Clapp, Nadine Lester, Paul Osborn, Olivia Patch, Larry Phelps, Pam Roberts, Ruth Shapleigh-Brown, Ed Strickland, and Crawford Westbrook for their contributions in making the day a success. Additional photos of the day's activities are available on DFAW's Facebook page (simply type "Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor" into the Facebook search box).

## TREKKING ACROSS THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Richard C. Roberts

When our English ancestors settled Connecticut, they brought with them the Puritan tradition of fast and thanksgiving observances. In the Puritan tradition of the day, Christmas and Easter were not celebrated. However, our Puritan ancestors' civil and/or clerical leaders declared days of thanksgiving in response to what they believed were signs of God's mercy and declared fast days whenever an unexpected disaster appeared to signify God's judgment on his followers.

As examples, on October 4, 1638, less than two weeks after the so called "Treaty of Hartford" of September 21, 1638 had divided the captive Pequots among the English, Narragansetts, Mohegans, and Niantics, the Rev. Thomas Hooker of Hartford delivered his famous "Thanksgiving Sermon," reminding his congregation that God had not only saved them from the Pequots but had also brought them through what Hooker termed "a sad & sharp winter." Five months later, on March 6, 1638/9, the Rev. John Warham preached a "Thanksgiving Sermon" to his congregation in Windsor. The people of Windsor "gathered together" not in Autumn but in late Winter to (paraphrasing the words of a familiar Thanksgiving hymn) ask the Lord's blessing, praising Him for being their strong defender and for helping them escape their recent tribulations.

The tradition of Connecticut's celebration of days of Thanksgiving has continued to the present. However, because November 26, 2017 marked the 210th anniversary of the death of Oliver Ellsworth in 1807, and because our 2017 fall meeting was held at the Ellsworth Homestead, it seemed appropriate to share a Thanksgiving Proclamation issued by a member of the Ellsworth family.

William Wolcott Ellsworth, son of Oliver and Abigail (Wolcott) Ellsworth, was born 10 November 1791 in Windsor. He served in Congress 1829-1834; Governor, 1838-1842; and as a Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court, 1847-1861.

In 1838 Governor Ellsworth wrote:

I invite the people of this state on that day [Thursday, November 29, 1838], to refrain from their accustomed employments; to worship and keep ... thanksgiving ... for the continuance of life, health, peace, order and

security throughout our borders -- for the blessings of education, science, the arts, and equal laws; for the progress of truth, the success of benevolent enterprise, the impartial administration of justice, and for the forbearance of God amidst our numerous and aggravated transgressions. I invite all particularly to give thanks to God for the succession of seed time and harvest and for the warmth of the sun and plentiful rains which have caused the earth, during the year, to bring forth its fruit in unusual abundance.

Let us also supplicate God to preserve our political and social institutions, and bind in closer friendship the states of the Union; that he would shed light in the paths of our rulers, and direct to the adoption of wise and patriotic measures: that he would restore harmony and kindness; impart the love of truth, justice and religion; prosper our colleges and schools, and every effort to diffuse light and knowledge; give success to our efforts in behalf of the ignorant, the poor and the suffering; extend our commerce, manufactures and agriculture; put a stop to intemperance, bondage, oppression and crime; and finally, awaken us to a more just apprehension of the responsibilities of living at the present era, and of the scenes so soon to open upon us in eternity.

Governor Ellsworth's words still ring true today.

In a season of Thanksgiving, a season of light, and a season of new beginnings, it seems appropriate to "raise a song," giving thanks for our many blessings, including bounteous harvests and our lives, our health, and our food. But it also seems appropriate to resolve for the year head to accept the "responsibilities of living in the present era" by building on the strong roots of faith, patriotism, and family values of our ancestors to create a bright future – a better world of harmony and justice – not only for our children but for our children's children.



## IN MEMORIAM 2017

During our Memorial Service on September 23, we remembered the following members whose deaths were made known to us during the past year:

**Mary Lloyd-Rees Craig**, #1036A L3, of Babson Park, FL, joined December 2003, died on 24 November 2008. She graduated from Wellesley College in Wellesley, Massachusetts with a BA in History. Among many other activities, she was active in Girl Scouts and served on the National Board of the Girl Scouts of America.

**Roy Alexander Craig**, #1036B L3, of Babson Park, FL, joined December 2003, died on 11 October 2016. He graduated from Washington and Lee, Lexington, Virginia, and received his law degree from Harvard University. He practiced law for many years.

**Virginia "Ginny" R. Fox**, #1351 L3, of West Hartford, CT joined July 2005, died 12 April 2016.

**Eva Maren Garfat**, #0706S L3, of Cornville, AZ, joined April 1987, died 16 October 2015.

**Margaret D. Kleyn**, #0809S L3, of Seattle, WA, joined December 1989, died 2 August 2017.

**Marilyn Blake (Randall) Landry**, #0269S L3, of South Windham, CT, joined January 1984, died 15 November 2013. Marilyn received her Master's Degree in Education from Connecticut State Teachers College and taught English and Physical Education at Willimantic State Teachers College (now Eastern Connecticut State University). She was very interested in genealogy; besides DFAW she was a member of the Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**Lorraine K. Loomis-König**, #1394S L3, of Hammondsport, NY, joined December 2007, died 13 September 2015. She was a member of many other genealogical, historical, and patriotic organizations, including the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Wayne History Group, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the Dundee Historical Society, the Steuben County Historical Society, Yates County Historical Society, and the Corning Painted Post Historical Society. She was town Historian for Campbell and Bradford, New York.

**John Fitzgerald Phelps**, #1419, of Concord, MA, joined August 2004, died 24 September 2016.

**D. Roderick Tillman**, #1229S A of Tulsa, OK, joined October 2001, died on 29 January 2016.

**Johnson Winship**, #1314S A, of Bloomfield, CT, joined February 2004, died June 17, 2016. In addition to DFAW, he was a member of the Mayflower Society, Society of Colonial Wars, Founders and Patriots of America, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, and the Sons of the American Revolution.

## DFAW SALES REMINDERS

### *NEW BOOKS*

#### ***Some Descendants of William Buell.***

<b><i>Vol. 1., Generations 1-8</i></b>	382 pages including index.	<b>\$25.00* (+ 5.00 p&amp;h).....\$30.00</b>
<b><i>Vol. 2., Generations 8-14</i></b>	318 pages including index.	<b>\$20.00* (+ 5.00 p&amp;h).....\$25.00</b>

#### ***Some Descendants of George Chappel.***

174 pp. including index.	<b>\$15.00* (+ \$5.00 p&amp;h)....\$20.00</b>
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### **DFAW TEE SHIRTS**

By popular demand, we continue to offer our "tees" in two designs: **(A)** the DFAW logo, and **(B)** the Ship Motif. All shirts are in light gray, with a dark blue design. Sizes are Youth: XS (age 4-5), S (age 6-8), M (age 9-12) Adult: S, M, L, XL, and XXL, and the fabric is 100% cotton – pre-shrunk. The price is **\$12.00 per shirt, plus shipping & handling: *i.e.*, please add \$2.20 for one shirt; \$4.75 for two shirts; \$6.70 for three or four shirts, and \$8.70 for five to seven shirts, mailed to one address.**

**For more items, please see the complete four-page catalog in the Summer 2017 Newsletter.**

Make checks payable to DFAW and send all sales orders to: DFAW – Sales, PO Box 39, Windsor, CT 06095.

(\*Connecticut residents, please add 6.35% sales tax to your order exclusive of shipping cost. Thank you.)

## **RECENT FINDS FROM THE JOHN MASON AND OLIVER ELLSWORTH SITES**

[This article is based on Brian Jones' presentation on September 23, supplemented by additional sources. RCR]

### **The John Mason Site**

John Mason is believed to have explored the Connecticut Valley in 1630. He settled in Windsor ca. 1635, and in 1636-7 led Connecticut's forces during the Pequot War. The Windsor land records show that on 28 February 1640/1, "John Mason held seven parcels, six of which were granted to him." They included "a homelot with some additions to it, ten acres;" and "in the palisado where his house stands and mead adjoining twenty acres and half (Anderson GMB II:1226). Matthew Grant wrote that John Mason had four children born in Windsor, which would correspond to Ann, who died 7 October 1640; Priscilla, born October 1641; Samuel, born July 1644; and John, born August 1646. Mason removed to Saybrook in 1647. In 1653 his Palisado lot was sold to Henry Clarke, and in 1655 a half acre of Clarke land was sold to Samuel Marshall with "the dwelling house and barn, and apple trees upon it, which was John Mason's."

Using ground penetrating radar, in 2015 the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History (CSMNH) Field School identified a buried cellar in John Mason's lot. Testing was done along the cellar walls, and numerous seventeenth and early eighteenth century artifacts were found, including seventeenth century clay pipe fragments similar to those depicted in Willem Claesz's painting *Still Life with Glasses and Tobacco*, 1633, at the Peabody Essex Museum; beads; bone; pins; lead window came; brass; fish scale; German stoneware; Chinese porcelain; and a 1662 Oak Tree Twopence. In 2016 finds included more ceramics (German Westerwald, scratch blue tea bowl, and slip decorated earthenware), a medicine bottle, a Robert Tippet pipe ca. 1680-1720, a brass button with floral design, and a brass wire clasp.

This is a very significant site, associated with both John Mason and the Marshall family. The cellar hole provides excellent artifact preservation, and some architectural information is likely intact should additional excavation be undertaken. Although the artifacts uncovered during 2015 and 2016 provided some seventeenth century evidence, the site is dominated by early eighteenth century finds associated with the Marshall family.

### **The Oliver Ellsworth Site**

It is quite possible that Francis Stiles unloaded his ship near this site in 1635. Stiles acquired the lot in 1639 and subdivided the north half to William Gaylord Jr. in 1645. Stiles sold the remainder to Robert Saltonstall in 1647 with a dwelling and an "oat" house. Nicholas and Joanna Davidson of Boston later purchased it.



Josiah Ellsworth's English origins are unknown. In 1654 he purchased land on both sides of what is now Pleasant Street (which had originally been granted to Thomas Barber) from Alexander Alford. In 1658 he sold that land to Cornelius Gillette and bought one acre of land, north of the present Riverside Cemetery on East Street, from William Phelps, Jr. On March 31, 1665 he bought land in the north section of town that had originally belonged to Francis Stiles from the widow Joanna Davidson with rights to all rents. The 1665 deed notes an orchard.

Josiah Ellsworth, Sr. died in 1689. His probate inventory notes a home lot with a dwelling, two weaving shops, and a barn, which passed to Josiah Jr.

Josiah Jr. died in 1706; his probate notes the house, a cellar, the "little" and "old" shops and an orchard. In a 1728 deed the house was described as "old".

In 1988 Connecticut's Office of Economic Development awarded a grant to assess the house and grounds prior to restoration work. Robert Gradie, then a UConn graduate student, examined the site in 1990 on behalf of the Connecticut Historical Commission. Additional archaeology was conducted in 1991 through a UConn Field School. Two seventeenth century locations were identified.

In the spring of 2017, a radar survey was conducted on the south lawn of the existing Oliver Ellsworth home. Excavation uncovered an archaic stone axe, Native American pottery, German Westerwald, speckled earthenware, unidentified yellow glazed earthenware, English slipware, a dotware decorated pipe stem, a small belly pipe bowl c. 1650, iron knife blade, bone knife handle, and a brass knife bolster. Small finds included a brass trade token with a fleur-de-lis pattern, and a cross with triangular terminals.

This is a very significant site, associated with both the Stiles and Ellsworth families. It may be one of the first lots occupied in Windsor. Artifacts found within the large, filled cellar on the south lawn all predate 1740. Foundation stones robbed and the fact that the cellar was probably filled when a new home was built raise questions about the 1783 construction date of the existing Ellsworth mansion. Did Oliver's father David build portions of the existing home around 1740, prior to Oliver's expansion in 1781-1783?

## WINDSOR'S PALISADO IN 1640

Richard C. Roberts

Following the Native American attack at Wethersfield on April 23, 1637, the settlers at Windsor began erecting a defensive fortification. Taking advantage of the natural river bluffs, they erected on "Sandy Bank" a "palisado" (defined by the *Oxford English Dictionary* as "a fence made of wooden pales or stakes fixed in the ground, forming an enclosure or defence") that ran on the east about 80 rods (1,320 feet) along Sandy Bank, on the north 50 rods (825 feet), on the west 69 rods (1,138.5 feet), and on the south 60 rods (990 feet), including a wide ditch and earthen rampart. (One rod equals 16 1/2 feet.) Frank Thistlethwaite speculated that Roger Ludlow, who had been responsible for Castle Island defenses at Boston, and John Mason designed the Palisado (Thistlethwaite 117).

As described by Matthew Grant:

"About 1637 years, when the English had war with the Pequot Indians; our inhabitants on Sandy bank gathered themselves nearer together from their remote dwellings, to provide for their safety, set upon fortyfying, and with palazado, which some particular men resigned up out of their properties for that end, and was laid out into small parcellis, to build upon; some 4 rods in breadth, some five, six, seven, some eight -- it was set out after this manner:

These building places were at first laid out of one length, that was sixteen rods, but differ as aforesd. Also on all sides within the outmost fence, there was left two rods in breadth for a common way, to go round within side the Palazado, and when divers men left their places and returned to their lotts for their conveniences, some that staid, (by consent of the town,) enlarged their gardens. Some had 2, some 3, some 4 plats to their property, with the use of the two rods in breadth round the outside, every one according to his breadth, only with this reserve concerning the two rods, that if in future time there be need for former fortification, to be repaired, that then each man should resign up the two aforesd two Rods for a way onley for common use. -- Note, that in the west corner of the aforesd plott there is reserved for a common Burying Ground, one particular parcel that is six rods in breadth, al the length on one side, and one end take it together, it is eight rod in breadth, and eighteen in length."

"There goeth out of the palazado towards northwest a highway two rods wide; when past the house plotts it is larger. Also from the Palazado, runs a way north easterly, called the common street, and is to be four rods wide (CHC 130-1)."

The original Meeting House, completed in September 1641, "stood in about the center of the open central space" (Stiles 1:140). The Founders Monument, dedicated in 1930, marks its approximate location. See the Spring 2013 *Newsletter* (vol. 30, no. 3) for more about the Meeting House.

In 1654 Matthew Grant prepared a "Palizado Plott" showing the landowners within the Palisado seventeen years after the Pequot War. In 1886 Jabez Hayden prepared a plan of the Palisado, based on Grant's plan, but showing property owners prior to 1650, for *The Memorial History of Hartford County, Connecticut*. Hayden's plan was reprinted in the 1892 edition of Henry R. Stiles' *The History and Genealogies of Ancient Windsor*. The plan printed here is based on Hayden's, but modified to show the property owners as of 1640 as entered into Volume I of the Windsor Land Records.

The following are those who owned property within the Palisado as of 1640-1641. Note that in addition to the lots described here, most original settlers also owned other property in Windsor, including farm lots and meadow lots.

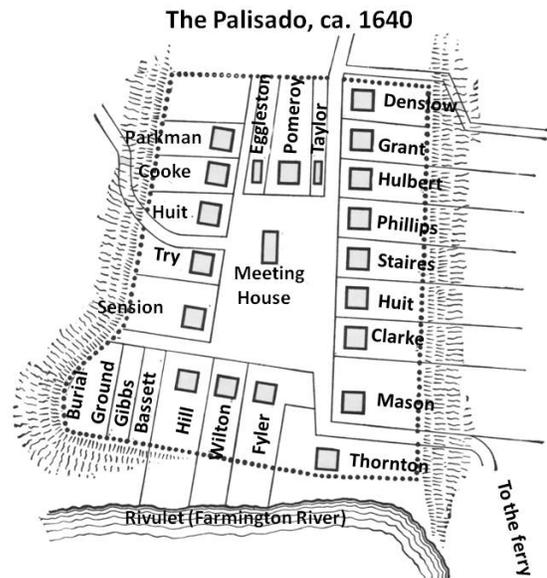
### **THOMAS BASSETT**

**Last English residence before migration:** Unknown (GM 1:188)

**Immigration:** 1635 on the *Christian* (GM 1:188)

**Removed to Windsor:** 1635 as part of the Saltonstall party (GM 1:188)

**First record relating to him in Windsor:** Served in the Pequot War, 1647 (FOOF 1:34)



**Palisado lot:** Eight rods wide, "upon which he prob. never built," lying west of William Hill's lot. He sold it to Mr. Hill by 1640 (MHHC 548; Stiles 1:151).

**Removed to:** Stratford by 1651 and was in Fairfield by August 1653 when he received a home lot of two and a half acres (GM 1:188; FOOF 1:34).

**See also:** GM 1:188-90; FOOF 1:34-5

**DEA. HENRY CLARKE**

*Last English residence before migration:* Unknown

*Immigration:* 1639

*First record relating to him in Windsor:* Grants of land from the plantation, 1640.

*Palisado lot:* A lot 7 1/2 rods wide lying between John Mason on the south and Thomas Staires on the north was granted but not recorded. He purchased the lot in the northeast corner of the Palisado from Nicholas Denslow, John Mason's lot in 1653, and the Staires lot (which had subsequently been purchased by the Rev. Ephraim Huit) in 1654. He sold the Denslow lot to Samuel Marshall in 1655, and Marshall sold it to the town. In 1655, Clarke sold the Mason property to Capt. Samuel Marshall. His niece, Elizabeth Fox (wife of Edward Chapman) inherited the Huit lot (MHHC 549; Stiles 1:153).

*Removed to:* Hadley

*See also:* Stiles 2:155

**CAPT. AARON COOKE**

*Last English residence before migration:* Dorchester, Dorset (GMB 464)

*Immigration:* 1630 on the *Mary & John* (GMB 464)

*First New England Residence:* Dorchester (GMB 464)

*Removed to Windsor:* 1637 (GMB 464)

*First record relating to him in Windsor:* Baptism of daughter Joanna 5 August 1638.

*Palisado lot:* "bounded South by Ephraim Huit north and west by Elias Parkman, and east by the highway," recorded 6 February 1640 (WiLR 1:72). In 1644 he bought the Huit house and lot from the Huit estate and prior to 1654 the Parkman lot (MHHC 548; Stiles 1:153).

*Removed to:* Northampton, 1661; Westfield, 1668; Northampton, 1678 (MHHC 548; Stiles 1:153; GMB 464)

*See also:* GMB 464-67

**NICHOLAS DENSLOW**

*Last English residence before migration:* Unknown (GMB 526)

*Immigration:* 1632 (GMB 526)

*First New England Residence:* Dorchester (GMB 526)

*Removed to Windsor:* 1636 (GMB 526)

*First record relating to him in Windsor:* Grants of land from the plantation 28 November 1640.

*Palisado lot:* "He sold it to Capt. Samuel Marshall, who 'dabbled in real estate' in those days, in 1654 (though not recorded until 1656); and he sold it to the 'inhabitants of Windsor, for a town house....' (Stiles, 1:138) In 1669 the Town House was converted to a new Meeting House, and in 1662, having become the residence of the Rev. Samuel Mather, the lot became known as the "Parsonage Lot" (Stiles 1:138-9).

*See also:* GMB 526-29; Spear 27:19-22

**BEGOD EGGLESTON**

*Last English residence before migration:* Norwich, Norfolk

*Immigration:* 1630 (GMB 620)

*First New England Residence:* Dorchester (GMB 620)

*Removed to Windsor:* 1635 (GMB 620)

*Palisado Lot:* "in the palisado three-quarters of an acre bounded east by Eltwood Pomry, south west and north by highway" recorded 8 December 1640 (WiLR 1:23).

*See also:* GMB 620-24

**LT. WALTER FYLER**

*Last English residence before migration:* Unknown (GMB 665)

*Immigration:* 1633 (GMB 665)

*First New England Residence:* Dorchester (GMB: 665)

*Removed to Windsor:* 1636 (GMB: 665)

*First record relating to him in Windsor:* 1640

*Palisado lot:* Although long attributed to Fyler, it was actually John and Sarah Strong who built the house at 96 Palisado Ave., the former Fyler lot, in 1758. It later passed to Captain Nathaniel Howard, who, with his family, operated a general store and Windsor's first post office there. In the 19th century Henry Stiles stayed in the house while researching *The History and Genealogies of Ancient Windsor*. The Windsor Historical Society purchased the property in 1925.

*See also:* GMB 665-67

**FRANCIS GIBBS**

*Last English residence before migration:* Unknown

*Immigration:* Unknown

*First New England Residence:* Unknown

*First record relating to him in Windsor:* 1640

*Palisado lot:* The only known record pertaining to a Francis Gibbs is for a lot within the Palisado four rods wide adjoining the burying place, recorded 28 November 1640 (WiLR 1:86). Lt. David Wilton later owned this lot (MHHC 551; Stiles 2:156).

**MATTHEW GRANT**

*Last English residence before migration:* Unknown (GMB 801)

*Immigration:* 1630 (GMB 801)

*First New England Residence:* Dorchester (GMB 801)

*Removed to Windsor:* 1635 (GMB 801)

*First record relating to him in Windsor:* 1635

*Palisado lot:* After being named Windsor's second town clerk, Grant discovered that the page listing his grants had been "rent out and lost by the former register." He noted that "in time of danger by the Pequot War neighbors desire to join nearer together so as to be capable to make some fortification then he resigned up his home lot for to be divided into small parcels to build upon only reserved a parcel for himself where he had begun building...(WiLR 1:13)." A portion of his property within the Palisado was later occupied by his son John, who came into possession of the entire parcel after his father's death (MHHC 551; Stiles 1:157). The inventory of Matthew Grant's estate, taken 10 January 1681/2 includes "an old house and homestead with a small orchard' valued at £25 (GMB 803). In 1931 the Grant Memorial Bench was erected on the site. *See also:* GMB 801-4

**WILLIAM HILL**

*Last English residence before migration:* Exeter, Devon (GMB: 937)

*Immigration:* 1633 (GMB 937)

*First New England Residence:* Dorchester (GMB 937)

Removed to Windsor: 1638 (GMB 938)

**First record relating to him in Windsor:** Overseer of Newberry estate 10 Feb 1639/40.

**Palisado lot:** Granted a lot both within and within the Palisado bounded by David Wilton and the "burying place, recorded 28 October 1640 (WiLR 1:18). He later bought the lots of Thomas Bassett and Francis Gibbs that were between his own Palisado lot and the Burying Ground him and sold all three parcels to Lt. David Wilton in 1653 (MHHC 552)

**Removed to:** Fairfield by 1649 (GMB 938)

**See also:** GMB 937-41; NEHGR 39:78-9; 52:83

#### **REV. EPHRAIM HUIT**

**Last English residence before migration:** Wroxhall, Warwickshire

**Immigration:** 1639

**First New England Residence:** Hingham

**Removed to Windsor:** 1639

**First record relating to him in Windsor:** 17 August 1639

**Palisado lots:** Although not recorded, he apparently first lived on the west side of the Palisado between Aaron Cook's lot and the road leading westward. He also owned a lot on the east side of the Palisado and about 1640 purchased the adjoining Thomas Staires house and lot from attorneys representing Staires' interests. He and his family were living on the former Staires lot at the time of his death in 1644. This lot is the site of the Dr. Hezekiah Chaffee Sr. house, 108 Palisado Ave.

**See also:** Stiles 2:415; NEHGR 121:11

#### **WILLIAM HULBERT**

**Last English residence before migration:** Unknown (GMB: 1038)

**Immigration:** (GMB: 1038)

**First New England Residence:** Dorchester (GMB: 1038)

**First record relating to him in Windsor:** Grants of land from the plantation 23 February 1640.

**Palisado lot:** "three quarters of an acre more or less, the breadth seven and a half, the length fourteen rods bounded on the north by Mathew Grant, on the south by George Philips" recorded 23 February 1640 (WiLR 1:79). He sold the lot to Thomas Dibble prior to 1654 when Matthew Grant prepared a plan of the Palisado showing Dibble living there.

**Removed to:** Hartford by 1647, Northampton in 1655 (MHHC 553; Stiles 1:159; GMB 1038).

**See also:** GMB 1038-40

#### **MAJ. JOHN MASON**

**Last English residence before migration:** Unknown (GMB 1225)

**Immigration:** 1632 (GMB 1225)

**First New England Residence:** Dorchester (GMB 1225)

**First record relating to him in Windsor:** Served in Pequot War 1637.

**Palisado lot:** "in the pallizadoe where his house stands and meade adjoining ... the breadth thirteen rods" recorded 28 February 1640 (WiLR I:91). He sold it to Henry Clarke in 1653 (MHHC 554; Stiles 2:161). Two years later, in 1655, Clarke sold to Capt. Samuel Marshall with "the dwelling house and barn, and apple trees upon it wch was

John Mason's; Marshall resided there until his death in 1675 (Stiles 2:161).

**Removed to:** Saybrook, 1647; Norwich, 1659 (GMB 1225)

**See also:** GMB 1225-30

#### **ELIAS PARKMAN**

**Last English residence before migration:** Unknown (GMB 1399)

**Immigration:** 1633 (GMB 1938)

**First New England Residence:** Dorchester (GMB 1938)

**Removed to Windsor:** 1638 (GMB 1938)

**First record relating to him in Windsor:** Grants of land from the plantation 28 November 1640.

**Palisado lot:** "in the pallizadoe half an acre, the breadth five rods bounded north and south by Aaron Cooke," recorded 5 February 1640 (WiLR I:71)

**Removed to:** Saybrook by 1646; Boston by 1648 (GMB 1938)

**See also:** GMB 1399-1403; Spear 26:52-3

#### **GEORGE PHILLIPS**

**Last English residence before migration:** Unknown (GMB 1450)

**Immigration:** 1632 (GMB 1450)

**First New England Residence:** Dorchester (GMB 1450)

**Removed to Windsor:** 1635 (GMB: 1450)

**First record relating to him in Windsor:** 1637

**Palisado lot:** Lot granted 12 rods wide, south of Matthew Grant (WiLR I:39). Prior to November 1677 he leased it to Israel Dewey. In 1892 Maj. Oliver Holcomb's residence was on this lot (Stiles 1:164).

**See also:** GMB 1450-52

#### **ELTWEED POMEROY**

**Last English residence before migration:** Crewkerne, Somerset (GMB 1486)

**Immigration:** 1632 (GMB 1486)

**First New England Residence:** Dorchester (GMB 1486)

**Removed to Windsor:** 1636 (GMB 1486)

**First record relating to him in Windsor:** 1637

**Palisado lot:** "in the pallizadoe one acre and a halfe, the breadth nine rods bounded west by Beggot Eggleston, east and south by John Taylor," recorded 4 February 1640 (WiLR I:55). He sold this lot to Thomas Nowell in 1641 (MHHC 556; Stiles, 1:164); Nowell sold it to Bigod Eggleston in 1647 (Stiles 1:155).

**Removed to:** Northampton before October 1671 (Stiles 2:164)

**See also:** GMB 1486-90; Spear 25:51

#### **MATTHIAS SENSION**

**Last English residence before migration:** London (GM 6:228)

**Immigration:** 1634 (GM 6:228)

**First New England Residence:** Dorchester (GM 6:228)

**Removed to Windsor:** 1638 (GM 6:228)

**First record relating to him in Windsor:** Grants of land from the plantation 28 November 1640.

**Palisado lot:** Had a lot granted to him in the Palisado ten rods wide bounded south by the burying ground and the road leading to it and east by the green (MHHC 557; Stiles 1:166). He sold "all his lands in the booke of figures" (a

book of records kept prior to the establishment of a Town Clerk) to Walter Gaylord previous to 11 January 1640 (WiLR I:33). The property is now the site of the "Rev. William Russell House," 101 Palisado Ave., built in 1755.  
**Removed to:** Wethersfield ca. 1648; Norwalk by 1656 (GM 6:228)

**See also:** GM 6:228-34; NEHGR 167:85-95

#### **SGT. THOMAS STAIRES**

**Last English residence before migration:** London (GM 6:486)

**Immigration:** 1635 (GM 6:486)

**First New England Residence:** Windsor (GM 6:486)

**First record relating to him in Windsor:** 1640

**Palisado lot:** Had a house and a lot in the Palisado seven and one half rods wide, which was sold by his attorneys to the Rev. Ephraim Huit about 1640. The brick "Chaffee House" now stands on the site (MHHC 557; Stiles 1:166).

**Removed to:** Left New England soon after he made David Wilton his agent in 1640 (GM 6:486)

**See also:** GM 6:486-7

#### **JOHN TAYLOR**

**Last English residence before migration:** Unknown

**First New England Residence:** Windsor

**First record relating to him in Windsor:** Grants of land from the plantation 16 October 1640.

**Palisado lot:** "In the Pallizadoe a qr of an acre and is bounded north by Eltweed Pomrry and south by the streete," recorded 10 October 1640 (WiLR I:10). His widow sold it to Bigod Eggleston in 1651 (MHHC 558; Stiles 1:167)

**See also:** TAG 37:197, 38:1-7, 53:241-3; FOOF 1:599-601

#### **THOMAS THORNTON**

**Last English residence before migration:** London (GMB: 1814)

**Immigration:** 1633 (GMB: 1814)

**First New England Residence:** Dorchester (GMB 1814)

Removed to Windsor: 1636 (GMB 1814)

**First record relating to him in Windsor:** 1640

**Palisado lot:** Was granted a lot in the Palisado by 4 February 1640 (WiLR I:59). About 1647 he sold his house and land in the Palisado to Thomas Ford and his son-in-law Elder John Strong (MHHC 558; Stiles 1:167). Strong later bought out Ford and resided in a home on this lot

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from about 1655 before removing to Northampton in 1659 (Stiles 1:166). Elisha Strong built the house currently on the property (10 North Meadow Rd.) about 1780.

**Removed to:** Stratford by 1653; Yarmouth

**See also:** GMB 1814-17

#### **MICHAEL TRY**

**Last English residence before migration:** Unknown

**Immigration:** 1639

**First New England Residence:**

**First record relating to him in Windsor:** Grants of land from the plantation 28 November 1640.

**Palisado lot:** "In the Pallizadoe halfe an acre bounded south easterly by the streets ... and ... northwest bounded by a highway southeast by Mathyas Sension," recorded 26 February 1640 (WiLR I:93). He sold it to Richard Saxton who, in turn, sold it to Thomas Parsons (who was living there in 1654). After Thomas Parsons' death, in 1662 his widow, Lydia, sold the parcel, which included a dwelling house, to Tahan Grant, son of Matthew Grant (Stiles 1:140, 163).

**Removed to:** Fairfield

**See also:** FOOF 1:617-8

#### **LT. DAVID WILTON**

**Last English residence before migration:** Beaminster, Dorset (GMB 2019)

**Immigration:** 1632 (GMB 2019)

**First New England Residence:** Dorchester (GMB 2019)

**Removed to Windsor:** 1636 (GMB 2019)

**First record relating to him in Windsor:** Grants of land from the plantation 1640.

**Palisado lot:** "In the Pallizadoe one acre more or less, in breadth seven rods bounded west by William Hill east by Walter Fyler, by the meadow south, and the street north," recorded 2 February 1640 (WiLR I:47). Prior to 1654 he had purchased the lots of William Hill, Thomas Bassett, and Francis Gibbs. In 1660 he sold the combined parcels to John Witchfield (Stiles 1:69). The fourth meeting house of the First Church in Windsor, UCC, built in 1794, now stands on part of the property. Another section is now part of Palisado Ave.

**Removed to:** Northampton by 1660 (GMB 2019)

**See also:** GMB 2019-21; NEHGR 146:298

## DFAW GENEALOGIST'S ANNUAL REPORT, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

Edwin W. Strickland II

### Lineages:

- 28 new lineages have been approved for 16 members.
- 1 lineage is to be rejected.
- At least one lineage for 12 additional members has been completely reviewed during the above database cleanup.
- 6 lineages are being processed.
- Only 10 lineages for current active members remain to be processed!

### Database:

Work on the database continues in the form of data entry for new and reviewed lineages, improved citation of sources, and improved documentation. This includes continued review of family group sheets de-accessioned by the Windsor Historical Society and related documentation, and review of material for the next book in the some "Descendants of" series. As of this morning we now have:

- 71,442 people in the database (descendants, spouses, other non-descendant spouses, and in-laws); an increase of 1642+ people.
- 8,876 sources; an increase of 292.
- 438 images attached to records (images from Find A Grave are not attached but have been reviewed for transcription); an increase of 33.
- 5,078 inventoried folders containing unique documentation; an increase of 217.

Most recent versions of the database have been provided to the Windsor Historical Society and the Registrar.

### Publications:

*Some Descendants of George Chappel* was released in January 2017. It may be purchased from us or through Amazon. Donation copies have been given to the Windsor Historical Society and the Connecticut State Library.

Copies of *Some Descendants of William Buell* and *Some Descendants of George Chappel* have been submitted to the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. for review.

All known lineages from Daniel Clark have been entered into the database. Many of the lines before 1998 require review. I have posted a private tree at Ancestry.com in the hopes of improving documentation and completing family groups. This tree currently has:

- 2,937 people.
- 474 people with hints.
- 2,698 record hints (some are good, some from unreliable databases, and a few are just the wrong person).
- Number of hits can change daily.

### A Final Note on Documentation

The quality of documentation submitted with your lineages has greatly improved over the last 34 years. Once in a while documentation is a little thin, and our Registrar, Olivia Patch, has gone above and beyond to reinforce your line of descent from a Founder. There are, however, two areas which remain a problem:

- *Copies of Original Documents* – We occasionally receive documents with no information about them. Usually I can determine what it is and when it was written. Occasionally I may be able to find the record on line. It is important that you provide a good source citation including what it is, date, place, and where it is.
- *Photographs* – If possible, identify the people, place and date (even a circa). The more information given to us, the better I can caption the image. Commonly I receive photographs of gravestones. If they are from Find A Grave and the like, please let me know. The copyright of those images belong to the photographer and cannot be used without permission.

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Submitted,

Edwin W. Strickland II

**WEB-MASTER'S REPORT**  
**23 September 2017**

DFAW's new website ([ancientwindsor.org](http://ancientwindsor.org)) is up and running with the last update done on 6 September 2017.

Summary by Month										
Month	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals					
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
<a href="#">Sep 2017</a>	331	143	213	69	1173	174372	1538	4705	3163	7288
<a href="#">Aug 2017</a>	180	107	119	49	1048	257783	1520	3706	3333	5591
<a href="#">Jul 2017</a>	182	110	122	48	1083	265385	1496	3800	3410	5660
<a href="#">Jun 2017</a>	316	158	250	99	2451	270473	2989	7509	4766	9490
<a href="#">May 2017</a>	365	182	300	117	3175	327718	3627	9324	5646	11334
<a href="#">Apr 2017</a>	346	183	268	104	2800	317337	3139	8047	5498	10395
<a href="#">Mar 2017</a>	365	134	285	125	1924	184436	2128	4851	2290	6210
<b>Totals</b>						<b>1797504</b>	<b>16437</b>	<b>41942</b>	<b>28106</b>	<b>55968</b>

I am always looking for material for the website – particularly photographs of DFAW events (or presence) and of Windsor and her daughter towns.

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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**Pamela L. Roberts, Membership Secretary**

Greeting from your Membership Secretary. It is my pleasure to be sure you know your dues status and that you are receiving the benefits of membership for the membership Type and Status in which you are enrolled.

To facilitate that goal, each member should have received a dues notice in late August for renewals to the 2017-2018 DFAW Membership Year.

Since late August 2017 and through December 11, 2017:

- 111 members renewed their Single or Dual memberships
- 9 new Annually-paying members have joined
- 11 Single or Dual Annually-paying members converted to Life membership
- 131 Annually-paying transactions occurred

Our current Life membership numbers change nearly daily. Since late August 2017 and through December 11, 2017:

- 6 Life1 members have joined (paying at least 1 of the 3 installments toward L3)
- 3 Life2 members (completed 2 of 3 installments toward L3)
- 359 full Life3 member households are on the active member list
- 368 members or member households currently are in our Life pipeline

Our present count of members in good standing for the 2017-2018 year is:

- 368 Life plus 131 Annually-paying members, or a total of 499 fully paid members.

The mailing list will continue to carry those active members in 2016-2017 whose membership expired on September 30, 2017 for one year of grace. If your mailing address has “0/2017” or a year which comes before that in the top line, you must pay your 2017-2018 dues before May 1, 2018 or your name will be removed from the mailing list. A second dues notice will be sent to you in February. Should anyone have any questions about your membership status or the amount to pay to continue your membership without interruption, please email Pam Roberts directly at [DFAW1633@yahoo.com](mailto:DFAW1633@yahoo.com) or call: 860 428-2406. Many thanks to those who responded to the August dues reminder!

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT**  
**Olivia C. Patch, DFAW Registrar**

Since our Spring Luncheon event, I have reviewed and approved the documentation of ten Lineages, and have given them to our Genealogist, Edwin Strickland, for his final go-over and entering the information into our genealogy database.

I received a request to look into whether the Tolland, Connecticut Abbot families were from Windsor. The individual's ancestor was John Abbot (1697-1779) who married an Elizabeth. John and his line came from the Andover, Massachusetts Abbots and was not connected to the Windsor line.

Various secondary sources and the Tolland Vital Records in the Barbour Collection indicated that the maiden name of John's wife, Elizabeth, was Birge/Berge I spent quite a while researching for an Elizabeth Birge but could find nothing that fit. I then checked Find-A-Grave, and a researcher claimed her surname was not Birge/Berge, but Berry. So, I went to the Tolland Town Clerk's office to check the original vital records. They are hand-written and have been preserved professionally. The town clerk who recorded the original record spelled Elizabeth's name as **Berye**. When James Arnold copied the records for Lucius Barbour, he misread the "y" as a "g." The "Y" is very well written. I compared this "Y" with how the "G" was written in other names. It definitely was a "Y."

Elizabeth Berry was supposedly of Tolland but had lived in Mansfield. I went to the Mansfield Town Clerk's office. There was one early Berry, a Nathaniel Berry. Nathaniel Berry had recorded three parcels of land in 1717. The first record indicated he was from Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The second deed indicated he was from Greenland, New Hampshire. There was no record of his family in Mansfield.

It is unfortunate that Arnold made the transcription error, as I am sure many have spent hours looking for an Elizabeth Birge and will never find her.

**COUSIN EXCHANGE REPORT**  
**Olivia C. Patch**

Since our DFAW Spring Luncheon I have received 8 requests for participating in our Cousin Finders Exchange. I am glad to know that our membership is still interested in utilizing this great resource. Personally, I have found documents others had that I would probably never have had access to, and this information helped me solve my brick wall problem.

**Cousins are needed for:** Richard Birge; Thomas Cooper; Gyles Gibbs; Thomas Gridley; John Hawkes William Hill; Samuel Hubbard; John Hurd; Dr. Bray Rossiter; Margaret (Barrett) (Huntington) Stoughton; John Talcott; Richard Weller; and Lt. David Wilton.

**DFAW COUSIN EXCHANGE**

To participate in the Cousin Exchange and be put in touch with other "cousins" researching your DFAW lines, you must be a DFAW member. Return your completed form, including complete mailing address with ZIP code + 4, *and a self-addressed, stamped envelope* to Olivia Patch, DFAW Registrar, 83 Cedar Swamp Rd., Tolland, CT 06084. Once part of the Exchange, your name and the names of the Founders you are researching are "carried forward" across your years of DFAW membership. We hope this benefit of DFAW membership will be popular and rewarding!

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**Cousin Exchange Permission Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP+4:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DFAW Membership Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in sharing with cousins descended from the following Founders:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I grant permission to give my name, address, and e-mail to others participating in the DFAW Cousin Exchange:**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Olivia Patch, DFAW Registrar, 83 Cedar Swamp Rd., Tolland, CT 06084.**



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